

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims is listed below.

Claims 1-35: (Canceled).

36. (New) An optical information recording medium, comprising:

a substrate layer and

a first reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the first reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 10 atom % of bismuth.

37. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 5.1 atom % of bismuth.

38. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 4 atom % of bismuth.

39. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer is highly reflective.

40. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, further comprising a second reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the second reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 10 atom % of bismuth,

wherein the first reflective layer is a semi-transmissive film.

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41. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer is semi-transmissive.

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SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Newly-added Claims 36-41 are supported by the specification and the original claims.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.